***mon* fate of those, who dare to appear fair anther*. What was that pious and learned man's cases**

who wrote the Intellectual System of the Universe? I confess, it was pleasant, enough to consider, that though the whole world wore no satisfied with his capacity'and learning, than with his sincerity in the cause of the Deity ; yt*t was In* accused of giving thf upper band to the Atheists, for'having only stated their reasons and thos«» of their adversaries fairly together.'*

Such was the treatment, which our great Author received for his immortal volume: wherein, as Mr. Warbnrton says/ with a boldness uncommon indeed, but very becoming a man conscious of his own integrity, and of the troth and evidence of hin cause, he launched out into the immensity of the Intellectual System; and, tt his first essay, pene trated the very darkest of antiquity, to strip Atheism, of all its disguises, and drag tip the lurking monster to conviction. Where, though few readers could follow him, yet the very slowest were able to unravel his secret purpose—to tell the world—that he was an Atheist in his heart, and an Arian in his book. However, thus ran tlic[h] po pular clamour against this excellent Would the reader 'know the consequence ? Why, the zealots inflamed the bigots :—-

Twits ***Hit* time's plague, when** madmen Itnl tin* **blind : —**

The silly calumny was believed; the **inuch-iit-**jured Author grew disgusted; his ardour **slack*** • ened; and the rest and fyr greatest part **of the defence** never appeared. .The same gentleman, likewise, **in** *Im* letter to

*** Preface to vol.ii, of his Divine Legation of Mosc*, p. 10, H, it***